

Spotlight on Anderson . . .

Anderson County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Robert Anderson (1741-1812). The Cherokee Indians occupied this area until 1777, when it was ceded by treaty to the state. Part of the "Indian Land" became the Pendleton District (at one time called the Washington District). Most of the early settlers of this area were Scotch-Irish farmers who moved south from Pennsylvania and Virginia in the eighteenth century. The oldest town in the county is Pendleton, which was founded around 1790; it became a popular summer resort for lowcountry planters in the nineteenth century. Some famous residents of Anderson County were United States senator and governor Olin D. Johnston (1896-1965), business leader Charles E. Daniel (1895-1964), and composer Lily Strickland (1884-1958).

Anderson Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the northwestern area of the state
- Surrounded by Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Laurens, and Abbeville counties, with Georgia to the west
- This region has an average temperature of 61.8 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 50.0 inches.

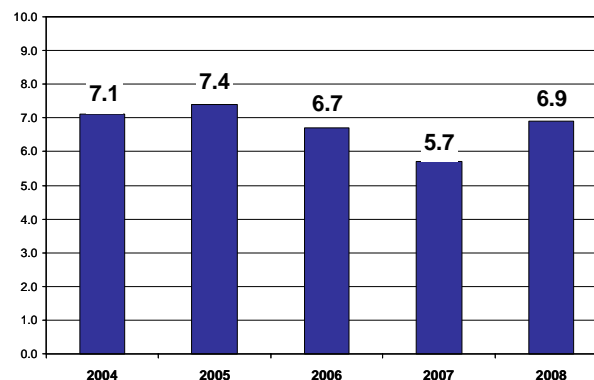
Population

- Was 179,960 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 193,370 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 81.5% White, 16.8% African-American, and 1.7% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population increased from 1,832 in 2000 to 3,602 in 2007, a 96.6% change.

Labor Force

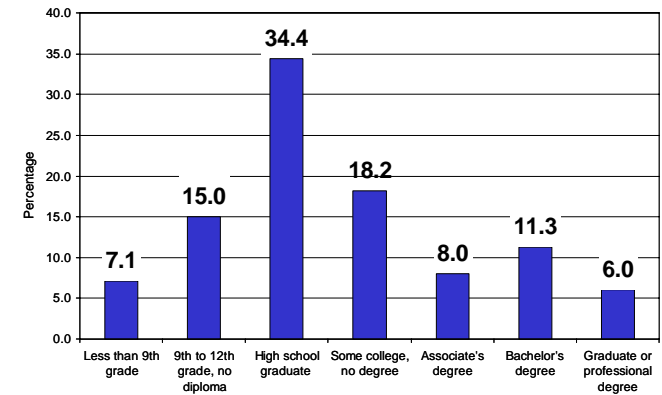
- Increased from 84,920 in 2007 to 85,440 in 2008
- Employment fell from 80,070 in 2007 to 79,570 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate rose from 5.7% in 2007 to 6.9% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Anderson County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Anderson County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$29,080 for 2007.
- This was 94% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 75% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Anderson Workforce Center paid \$17,406,521 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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